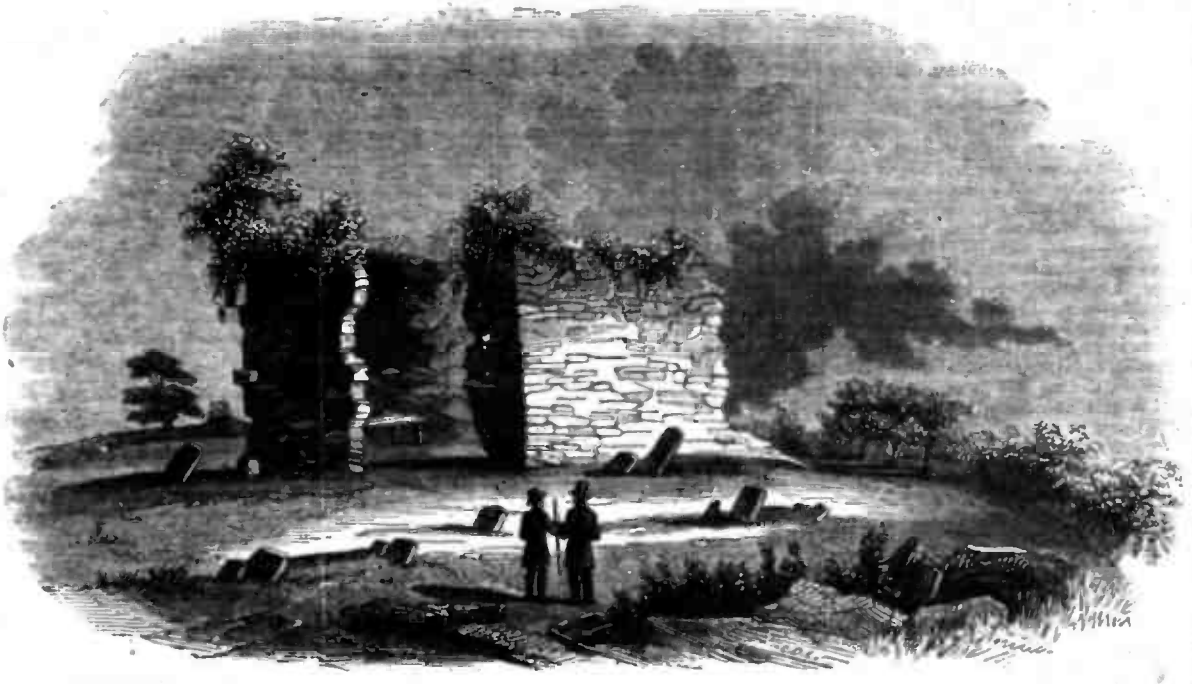
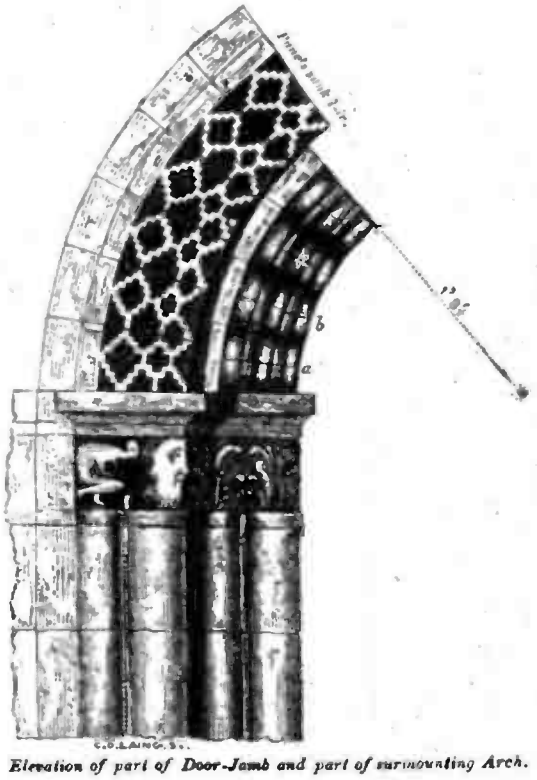


RUINS OF CLONATTON CHURCH, NEAR GOREY, IRELAND.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BUILDER.

SIR,—At a distance of one mile from this town stand the remains of the little church of Clonatton, by its lonely situation, in the midst of large hawthorn hedges, hidden and unheeded; nothing now remains besides parts of the north and south walls, and a small portion of the western end of the fabric. The annexed sketch is a representation of its appearance at the present time. The ivy running over its masonry, though adding to its venerable appearance, has been the active agent of gradual destruction to its walls.

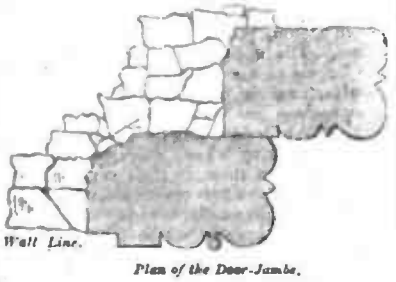
To the casual observer this little church presents nothing besides two walls and the now scarcely traceable foundations of its chancel.



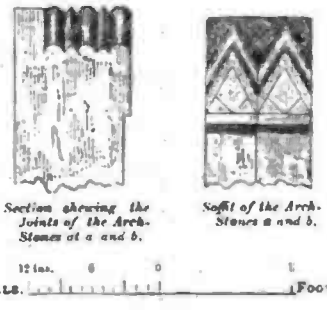
Elevation of part of Door-Jamb and part of surmounting Arch.

There is, however, a rich treat to be found (to all who wish to take a retrospective review of the state of the arts at a remote period in this country), as at the heads of many of the numerous graves that surround the walls of this forgotten little spot are the scattered remains of the cut-stone dressings of an entrance doorway.

For the pages of THE BUILDER, I have made out the subjoined sketches of some portions of this doorway. The arch, which is in the Norman style, is a very curious example, and taking into account the nature of the material from which it is wrought (Mica slate), shews very considerable skill in the workmen of that day. Of its period of erection I could learn no trace. One small window alone is to be seen in the south side. The ivy with which the north side of the church is so overgrown may perhaps conceal a similar one.



Plan of the Door-Jamb.



I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
Gorey, 26th March, 1844. J. K. L.

THE NEW BRIDGE AT BATH.—The Town Council, by an overwhelming majority, have acquiesced in the recommendation of the committee for the erection of an entirely new structure. The new bridge will be of iron, of one span, and there will be a footpath on each side of it. Among the proposals sent in to the committee, in addition to the successful one of Messrs. Armstrong and Manners, were —for one arch, Mr. Lamb, 6,000*l.*; Mr. Bell, 7,040*l.* if of stone, 9,700*l.* if of iron; Messrs. Birch, 3,555*l.*; Mr. Barry, Taunton, 3,689*l.* For two arches—Mr. Lamb, 5,250*l.*; Mr. Bell, 7,808*l.* if of stone, 8,099*l.* if of iron; Messrs. Birch, 3,000*l.*; Mr. Barry, 3,439*l.*; Mr. Manners, 3,220*l.* Mr. Gravett, for a straight bridge, supported on iron breast-summers, 4,000*l.*

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